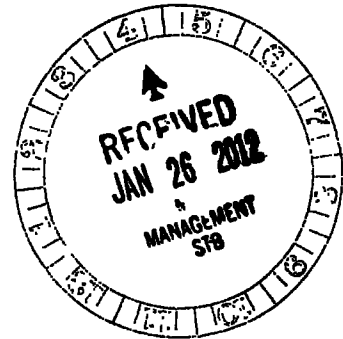


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January 13, 2012

Ms. Cynthia T. Brown, Chief  
Section of Administration  
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RE: Request for 180-day ITU Extension for Negotiations; Norfolk Southern  
Railway Company Abandonment in Marion, Grant County, Indiana, STB  
Docket No. AB-290(Sub-No. 291X)

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Dear Ms. Brown:

This request is filed by the City of Marion, Indiana, which is a municipal corporation, which is hereinafter referred to as the "proponent". The proponent remains engaged in discussions with Norfolk Southern Corporation toward the desired outcome for all parties, which is an agreement regarding acquisition and interim trail use of the line by the proponent.

On August 9, 2011, the STB granted the proponent's request to extend the notice of interim trail use or abandonment negotiating period to February 6, 2012.

The proponent hereby request an additional 180-day period in which to continue negotiations with Norfolk Southern on this matter. Norfolk Southern is amenable to this extension and continued negotiations. Thank you for your consideration.

By my signature below, I certify service of a copy of this statement upon Norfolk Southern Railway Company, by U S Mail, postage pre-paid, first class, this 13th day of January, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

Darren Reese  
Director of Development Services

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